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APPLICANT: Adams *et al.*

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EXAMINER: Sitton, Jehanne Souaya

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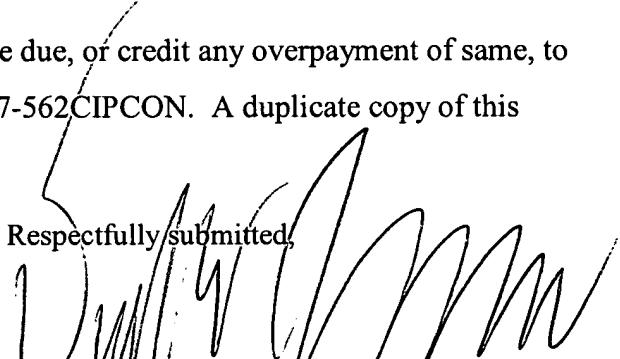
## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the October 4, 2004 Office Action pending in the above-identified application.

With the extension, the response is due on or before April 4, 2005. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) is enclosed.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26597-562CIPCON. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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